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The reply filed on 11/18/02 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): Single ultimate disclosed species were not elected as required for the Group I inventions, i.e., (a) a thermoplastic polymer comprising side chains having a carbonyl-containing groups and a nitrogen-containing heterocycle-containing group, and (b) a compound containing a metal element (the species include none present). An example of an acceptable election of species is: (a) a thermoplastic polymer 1 as shown on page 65 of the specification; and (b) no compound containing a metal element present. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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